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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 6, 2002

Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for recording with the Surface Transportation Board is a Termination of Lease dated 4/29/02 between the following parties:

Lessor: Helm Financial Corporation

One Embarcadero Center San Francisco, CA 94111

Lessee: Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway

100 E. First Street Brewster, OH 44613

Equipment: 200, Railcars (Attached)

Please record this agreement as a secondary document to STB Recordation #17511. The filing fee of \$30 is enclosed.

<u>Summary</u>: Termination of Lease dated 4/29/02 between Helm Financial Corporation as Lessor and Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway as Lessee including 200 railcars, secondary document to STB Recordation #17511.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Oster

Research Consultant

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Attachment

200, Open-top Coal Hoppers HELX 580000-581000 series

TERMINATION OF LEASE

THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ("Termination") is dated as of April 29, 2002, by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor").

1. Recitals. Lessor entered into Addendum 7 dated as of April 21, 1992 ("Addendum") to the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of July 1, 1991, as amended and supplemented ("Lease"), with Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, with respect to the two hundred (200) railcars described in Annex A to the Addendum. The Addendum is on file at the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation ("STB") under STB Recordation Number 17511-G filed on July 6, 1992.

The Addendum to the Lease was terminated on December 31 1992. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

2. Termination. The Lease is hereby formally terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination of Lease to be signed in its corporate name as of the date first above written.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: // John F. Dains

Name: John F. Dains Title: President May - .

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

X personally known to me -OR-

___ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person (%) whose name (%) is/asse subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ises), and that by his/her/their signature (%) on the instrument the person(se), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(se) acted, executed the instrument.

J. L. PAT TAFT
Comm. # 1229000
NOTARY PUBLIC-CALIFORNIA
City & County of San Francisco
My Comm. Expires July 16, 2003

Witness my hand and official seal.

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